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1. [REDACTED] at VEB Chemische Fabrik Jenapharm [REDACTED] of technological shortcomings. Only three kilograms of streptomycin which were up to requirements are said to have been produced in the second quarter of 1954. In late May 1954, the manager of the streptomycin plant was replaced by one Raab (fnu), a pharmacist from Dresden, who receives his directives directly from the Main Administration for Pharmaceutical Products of the GDR Ministry of Health. In the field of chloramphenicol and vitamin C, production targets could not be met. The firm expects that it will have to pay penalties for non-fulfilment of contracts. 25X1
2. The production of the Jenapharm enterprise suffered from the uneven quality of raw materials to be processed in Jena. High quality raw materials were mostly reserved for pharmaceutical products scheduled to be exported. No difficulties were experienced in the field of penicillin.
3. Another problem hampering the production of the Jenapharm plant is the shortage of technical personnel and skilled workers. Eight employees with university training who were to be hired refused to come to Jena because of housing difficulties. Many young workers left the firm because higher paid jobs were offered to them by the VP and the SED. The Personnel Department of the plant is moreover restricted in its planning by a strict "table of labor" which fixes the maximum number of workers who may be employed.
4. All exports of pharmaceutical products manufactured in Jena are handled [REDACTED] of the products sold on the home market are [REDACTED] to the GDR.

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